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DEPARTMENT PASS NSC FOR DR BRZEZINSKI AND WHITE HOUSE FOR
MR POWELL; USIA FOR IBS GREEK LANGUAGE SERVICE

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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: REMARKS AND QS AND AS BY SECSTATE AND PM
CARAMANLIS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PM CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT AND QS AND AS
FOLLOWED BY SECSTATE REMARKS.

BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE: PRESS QUESTION: MR PRIME MINISTER, WILL YOU
TELL US ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT YOU REVIEWED?

PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS: THAT IS WHAT WE WILL DO. THAT IS WHY
WE ARE HERE. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW HAPPY I AM ABOUT
MR. VANCE'S
VISIT TO GREECE, AND ALSO TO EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION ABOUT THE TALKS
WE HAD. AS WE KNOW, MR VANCE IS IN OUR COUNTRY AS A GUEST OF THE GREEK

GOVERNMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, HE HAS NOT COME TO PROPOSE SOLUTIONS TO OUR
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PROBLEMS. BUT HE CAME TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH US ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL
CONCERN. FIRST, WE DISCUSSED WITH MR. VANCE BILATERAL ISSUES SUCH AS
THE AID PROVIDED BY AMERICA TO GREECE -- WHICH WILL AMOUNT TO 175
MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR -- AS WELL AS THE QUESTION OF THE MILITARY
FACILITIES GREECE IS PROVIDING TO AMERICA.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE QUESTIONS OF NATO AND ASCERTAINED THAT THIS

QUESTION IS CONNECTED WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE.

NEXT, WE REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CYPRUS ISSUE. REGARDING THIS LAST QUESTION, MR. VANCE STATED TO ME THAT HIS GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE IT IS CONCERNED ABOUT PEACE IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, WOULD LIKE AN EARLY AND JUST SOLUTION TO BE FOUND, BUT DOES NOT INTEND TO PROPOSE OR RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS. IT (THE U.S. GOVERNMENT) WILL, NEVERTHELESS, BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL IN ORDER TO HELP IF THE INTERESTED PARTIES FIND THIS USEFUL.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL MR VANCE, OR RATHER TO GIVE MR. VANCE AN ACCOUNT OF THE POSITION OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ON ALL THESE ISSUES, AS OUTLINED IN MY ELECTION PLATFORM. AND I CAN SAY WITH SATISFACTION THAT I WAS MET WITH UNDERSTANDING.

FINALLY, WE DISCUSSED CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE CONCLUSION IS I HAD A VERY USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH MR. VANCE, CARRIED OUT IN AN ATMOSPHERE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WHICH BINDS OUR TWO PEOPLES.

PRESS QUESTION: MR PRIME MINISTER, DID MR. VANCE BRING YOU ANY PROPOSALS ON BEHALF OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT?

MR. CARAMANLIS: HE BROUGHT NO PROPOSALS. BUT HE GAVE ME HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE DISCUSSIONS HE HELD IN ANKARA. HOWEVER, FROM WHAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD I CAN MAKE PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE.

PRES QUESTION: DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU ARE PESSIMISTIC?

MR. CARAMANLIS: NEITHER OPTIMISTIC NOR PESSIMISTIC. IF THE PROPOSALS WHICH MR ECEVIT PROMISED TO MAKE SHOULD LEAD TO AN HONORABLE AND JUST SOLUTION OF OUR DIFFERENCES, THEY WILL BE SURE
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TO MEET WITH (FAVORABLE) GREEK RESPONSE BECAUSE GREECE -- AS I HAVE OFTEN DECLARED -- SINCERELY WANTS TO RESTORE GOOD RELATIONS WITH TURKEY. IF THE AIM OF ANKARA IS ONLY TO CREATE IMPRESSIONS, THEN I MIGHT SAY THAT IT IS A MISTAKE, BECAUSE TO DENY THE HOPES WHICH IT CREATES WOULD AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.

PRESS QUESTION: WILL THERE BE ANOTHER MEETING WITH MR. VANCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE?

MR. CARAMANLIS: NO, WE HAVE FINISHED. WE SAID ALL WE HAD TO SAY. THIS PROVES THAT WE HAD NO DIFFICULTIES. THE FACT THAT WE NEED NOT HAVE A FURTHER MEETING PROVES THAT WE HAD NO DIFFICULTIES.

PRESS QUESTION: DO THE VIEWS PUT FORTH BY MR. VANCE GREATLY DIFFER FROM THE GREEK VIEWS, MR. PRIME MINISTER?

MR. CARAMANLIS: YOU HAVE BEEN ANSWERED ALREADY... HE(MR. VANCE) SHOWED UNDERSTANDING. (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION).

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, A STATEMENT PLEASE.

SECY VANCE: YES, LET ME JUST MAKE A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES WHICH HE HAS REVIEWED FOR YOU. I HAVE FOUND IT MOST INFORMATIVE AND USEFUL AND IT WILL BE VERY HELPFUL TO ME AND TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THESE ISSUES WHICH ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. WITH RESPECT TO THE BILATERAL ISSUES, OF

COURSE WE BOTH HAVE A MUTUAL INTEREST IN SEEING THESE ISSUES
RESOLVED IN A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY WAY. AND IN THAT REGARD, I
FOUND OUR DISCUSSIONS ALSO VERY USEFUL.

SO AGAIN, LET ME EXPRESS MY DEEP THANKS TO THE PRIME MINISTER
FOR HIS KINDNESS IN INVITING ME TO COME WITH HIM AND EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON THESE BILATERAL ISSUES, AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF
BROAD, WORLDWIDE SCOPE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

QUESTION: DID YOU DISCUSS THE NEW AMBASSADOR'S APPOINTMENT?

SECY VANCE: THAT SUBJECT DID COME UP AND WE DISCUSSED IT.

PM KARAMANLIS: WE DISCUSSED IT AND WE FOUND A SOLUTION (IN ENGLISH).

SECY VANCE: THAT'S RIGHT. UNQUOTE END TEXT

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